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Rebuild Iowa Office to Close June 23

The Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) is scheduled to close operations June 23.

The RIO was initially created by 2008's Executive Order 7 in response to that summer's historic floods, storms and tornadoes. The disasters affected more than 40,000

Iowans and resulted in a presidential disaster declaration for 85 of Iowa's 99 counties.

The office was formalized by the legislature in 2009's House File 64, which passed unanimously and established a June 2011 sunset date of the office.

The RIO was charged with coordinating statewide recovery efforts, and helping to realize Iowa's short- and long-term recovery needs as identified by the Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC).

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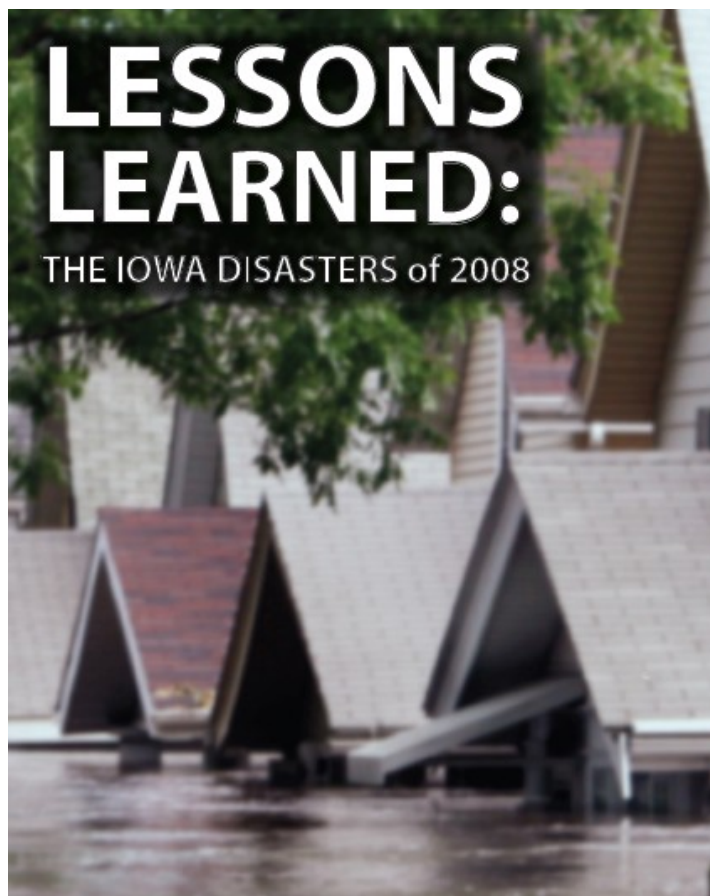
'Lessons Learned: The Iowa Disasters of 2008' Documentary to Premiere June 1

The Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) and Wartburg College invite the public to attend the premiere of "Lessons Learned: The Iowa Disasters of 2008," on Wednesday, June 1, at the State Historical Building in Des Moines.

This hour-long documentary, produced by Wartburg Television in partnership with the RIO, features interviews with leaders from many disaster-impacted communities, detailing local recovery efforts and lessons learned.

Interviewees from Parkersburg, Mason City, Cedar Falls, New Hartford, Waverly, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Oakville, share vivid memories of the initial disaster events

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2010 Disaster Case Management Services, Assistance Program to Close

Disaster case management services and one program assisting lowans affected by floods and storms between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2010, will close down operations in June.

State-sponsored disaster case management services will end on June 1. The disaster case management program, administered statewide by the Iowa Community Action Association (ICAA), has assisted more than 2,100 affected lowans since last summer's floods.

In addition to providing disaster case management services, ICAA-affiliated advocates have worked with other recovery partners to help survivors access over \$300,000 in financial support from lowans

Helping lowans Unmet Needs Disaster Assistance Program, and an additional \$55,000 from Lutheran Services of Iowa.

Anyone with concerns or other questions about receiving disaster case management assistance should contact Lana Ross with ICAA at (515) 244-0328 prior to June 1.

The lowans Helping lowans (IHI) Unmet Needs Disaster Grant program will stop accepting applications on June 30. The program provides up to \$2,500 per household to help pay for qualified losses or expenses and unmet needs from the 2010 disasters, including personal property, home repair, food assistance, child care and temporary housing.

Anyone with questions about the IHI Unmet Needs Disaster Grant Program should visit the Rebuild Iowa Office Web site at www.rio.iowa.gov/2010/index.html to locate their local program administrator, or contact Julie Struck with the RIO at (515) 745-4497.

The 38 counties eligible for 2010 disaster case management services and the state's Unmet Needs Disaster Grant program are: Appanoose, Black Hawk, Boone, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clayton, Decatur, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Howard, Humboldt, Ida, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Kossuth, Lee, Lucas, Lyon, Mahaska, Marion, Monroe, O'Brien, Osceola, Polk, Ringgold, Shelby, Sioux, Story, Taylor, Union, Wapello, Warren, Webster and Wright Counties.

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The RIO also worked with local, state and federal partners to ensure a collaborative recovery approach and maximization of recovery funding sources.

In collaboration with its recovery partners, the Rebuild Iowa Office helped the State of Iowa and local communities secure more than \$4.3 billion in total recovery funding.

The RIO worked directly with affected communities to help them

envision and achieve their long-term recovery goals in the months following the disasters.

In addition, the office helped establish local voluntary agencies and worked with existing local voluntary organizations to support case management efforts for affected lowans across the state.

The RIO advocated for legislative and policy changes at the state and federal level to better position Iowa

for future major disaster recovery efforts.

The RIO also served as a statewide clearinghouse for disaster recovery information, ensuring unified and consistent messaging in Iowa's recovery efforts.

For ongoing disaster recovery information, contact the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division.

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and response, and talk candidly about what they have learned during the last three years of recovery.

The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a reception, followed at 5:45 p.m. with the documentary viewing. The documentary will be introduced with brief comments by RIO and Wartburg College officials.

At its inception in July of 2008, the RIO was tasked with capturing lessons learned from the 2008 statewide disaster recovery effort. This collaboration with Wartburg College professor Dr. Jeff Stein and students Nate Vaughn and Ben Read is one piece of that effort, and one of the RIO's final projects prior to the office's sunset at the end of June.

This documentary is intended to provide direction for Iowa communities to help each better plan and prepare for major recovery efforts before future disasters strike.